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AND CHECKING FOR ESD ROBUSTNESS**Box: Non Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please cancel claim 16 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please amend claim 7, 9-15, 17-21 and 23-26, as indicated in the APPENDIX A attached hereafter. The entire set of the pending claims, including the clean version of the amended claims, is provided in the APPENDIX B attached hereafter.

REMARKS

Claims 7-15 and 17-26 are now active in this application, of which claims 7, 13, 17, 18 and 21 are independent claims. In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002, claim 16 has been cancelled and claims 7, 9-15, 17-21 and 23-26 have been amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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